

Dear Hoosiers:

Your Indiana driver license is such an important part of your life. It allows you to drive to work, to drive your child to daycare and to get to the doctor. Without a license or identification card, it is more difficult to go places, to pay with a check, or to get on an airplane. These simple facts of life make the Bureau of Motor Vehicles an important part of life in Indiana.

My goal is to make your interaction with this agency as positive as possible. This driver manual will provide the information you need to obtain or renew your driver license or identification card. Important documentation and testing requirements are included in these pages, and knowing the rules before your branch visit will save valuable time.

More importantly, basic guidelines to roadway safety can be found in this manual. I hope you will take the time to learn these guidelines, and make the choice to follow them every day. Many lives are lost needlessly on Indiana roads each year, and making a conscious effort to stay focused and calm while you're driving can make all the difference in the world.

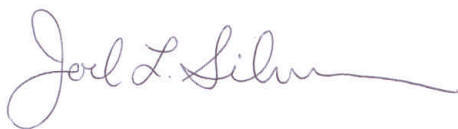
Keep in mind that it is every driver's responsibility to know the rules of the road. It is likely that the rules will change several times within your lifetime, and it is important to stay up-to-date. I strongly urge you to take advantage of this manual, and to enroll in a driver improvement course from time-to-time to stay current in your knowledge. After all, these measures could save you from a traffic citation, or even save your life.

Please keep these things in mind while driving:

- Use safety belts and child safety seats at all times;
- Do not operate a vehicle if your driving could be impaired by drug or alcohol use;
- Know your own limits to avoid driver fatigue;
- Avoid cellular phone use, eating, and other distractions while driving; and
- Respect the rights of other drivers and pedestrians.

Driver safety is our primary goal at the BMV. With the help of conscientious drivers like yourself, we can ensure that Indiana roads are safer for everyone.

Enjoy your drive,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel L. Silverman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joel Silverman, Commissioner
Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles